

## SENATE BILL NO. 328

## INTRODUCED BY SQUIRES

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A TASK FORCE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO STUDY THE PREVALENCE AND CARE OF AND TO RAISE AWARENESS ON THE CAUSES AND NATURE OF CERVICAL CANCER; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND A TERMINATION DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

**NEW SECTION.** **Section 1. Task force on cervical cancer.** (1) There is a task force on cervical cancer established in the department of public health and human services.

(2) The task force must be composed of at least ~~five~~ 6 AND NO MORE THAN 10 members and must include:

(a) an obstetrician-gynecologist;

(b) a registered nurse;

(c) a physician in family practice;

(d) a member from the cancer research community; ~~and~~

(e) the state epidemiologist; AND

(F) A CERVICAL CANCER SURVIVOR.

(3) The task force members must be appointed by the director to 2-year terms. The task force shall meet quarterly as needed. The task force members must be reimbursed for expenses as provided in 2-18-501 through 2-18-503. Additional members ~~with a specific expertise~~ may be added to the task force upon a majority vote of the members.

(4) The task force shall:

(a) review statistical and qualitative data on the prevalence and burden of cervical cancer in Montana;

(b) raise public awareness on the causes and nature of cervical cancer, ~~personal risk factors, the value of prevention and early detection, options for testing, treatment costs, new technology, medical reimbursement, and physician education;~~

(c) identify strategies and new technologies, ~~including any newly introduced vaccines~~ that are effective in preventing and controlling the risk of cervical cancer;

(d) identify and examine the limitations of existing laws, regulations, programs, and services with regard to coverage and awareness issues for cervical cancer;

(e) include information and strategies relating to cervical cancer in a state comprehensive cancer control program;

(f) facilitate coordination of and communication between state and local agencies and organizations;

(g) receive and consider reports and testimony from individuals, including cervical cancer survivors, from leaders in the issue of cervical cancer, local health departments, community-based organizations, and voluntary health organizations, and from other public and private organizations statewide to learn more about contributions to prognosis, prevention, treatment, and improvement of cervical cancer prevention, diagnosis, and treatment in Montana.

(5) The task force shall issue a report to the children, families, health, and human services interim committee by August 1, 2006:

(a) identifying the full impact of cervical cancer in Montana;

(b) recommending strategies or actions to the department to reduce the occurrence of and burden and costs caused by cervical cancer; and

(c) identifying how to increase public awareness of cervical cancer and the options for prevention.

**NEW SECTION. Section 2. Codification instruction.** [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 50, and the provisions of Title 50 apply to [section 1].

**NEW SECTION. Section 3. Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2005.

**NEW SECTION. Section 4. Termination.** [This act] terminates June 30, 2007.

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